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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ALLIED MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SPECIAL PAYMENTS

REF: A. USNATO 1823; B. USNATO 0130; C. USNATO 1467.

1. MUCH APPRECIATE FORECAST OF INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL. SEEKING TO ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS, WE HAVE COMPARED FIGURES IN PARA 2 REF. A AGAINST ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURES PROVIDED US NATO 0130 BASED ON JANUARY 1, 1973 EXCHANGE RATES, AND AGAINST BREAKDOWN OF INSTALLMENTS IN PARA (2) OF MEMORANDUM TRANSMITTED US NATO 1467.

2. FIGURE FOR BELGIAN FRANCES IN MAY 14 PAYMENT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WOULD COVER JAN 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, SHOWS SIGNIFICANT GAIN OVER ONE- HALF JANUARY 1 FIGURE. HOWEVER, GERMAN DM FIGURE IS PRECISELY ONE- HALF OF JANUARY 1 FIGURE, WHICH INDICATES THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NOT APPRECIATION OF DM AGAINST STERLING. DOES
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THIS INDICATE THAT BELGIANS BROUGHT POUNDS MUCH LATER THAN GERMANS, SINCE GERMAN FIGURE FOR MAY 14 SLICE INDICATES FRG BOUGHT POUNDS JANUARY 1 ST OR SHORTLY AFTER?

3. ITALIAN LIRA FIGURE OF COURSE IS PRECISELY ONE- HALF OF JANUARY 1 FIGURE. DUTCH FIGURE INDICATES STRENGTHENING OF GUILDER AGAINST POUND SINCE JANUARY 1.

4. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD FOR OUR INFORMATION HAVE BACKGROUND ON THESE FIGURES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER WHEN MALTESE START DOING ARITHMETIC AND BEGIN TO RAISE QUESTIONS SUCH AS THOSE ABOVE, WE SHOULD PROVIDE ANY EXPLANATIONS OR, IF PUSHED, REFER MALTESE TO INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. GETZ

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